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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To: James & Wells PO Box 2201 Christchurch NEW ZEALAND		Date of mailing <i>(day/month/year)</i> 6 APR 2005	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 43081/X353		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/NZ2004/000262	International filing date <i>(day/month/year)</i> 22 October 2004	Priority date <i>(day/month/year)</i> 24 October 2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC Int. Cl. ⁷ A47C 001/022, A47C 001/024, A47C 007/14, A47C 007/44			
Applicant FURNWARE LIMITED et al			

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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4. Additional comments:

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No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims -	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims -	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims -	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

No document cited in the search report discloses a recline mechanism for seating furniture having all the features of claims 1-21. The subject matter of claims 1-21 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT). Reclining mechanism including a housing positioned on one of either the support member or the frame and an extending portion of the frame positioned on the other of either the support member or the frame and housing receiving the extending portion within the cavity bounded by a cavity wall and biasing means located inside the cavity between at least a portion of the cavity wall and the extending portion wherein tilting movement of the support member causes a rotation between the cavity and the extending portion thereby engaging the extending portion with the biasing means, causing biasing means to generate a restorative reaction biasing force against the rotation, do not render obvious by the state of the art. Consequently, the subject matter of claims 1-21 involves an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT). It is also industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).